SAN FRANCISCO BAY LONG TERM MANAGEMENT STRATEGY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

<u>PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION</u>: The project area is the San Francisco Bay in California. Policy objectives of the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) are to identify an acceptable array of dredge material disposal sites, develop management, economic and environmental plans for these sites, implement a decision making framework for site usage, streamline permit procedures, and establish long term site monitoring.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST: FEDERAL COST: NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ N/A \$ N/A \$ N/A
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ N/A
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ N/A

FY 07 AND 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: FY07 efforts include continued funding for Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO) labor in support of LTMS efforts; continued scientific research to validate 'environmental dredging windows' (the times of year during which dredging is allowed, established to protect certain species of fish under the purview of the Endangered Species Act); continued preparation of the Regional Dredged Material Management Plan/Environmental Impact Study (DMMP/EIS); and continued study of the relationship of methyl mercury generation to wetlands creation at Hamilton Wetlands Restoration site. FY08 efforts include continued labor funding for DMMO; continued environmental windows studies; completion of the Regional DMMP/EIS; and completion of methyl mercury data analysis and model development should funding become available.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Additional funds will be required to complete the study on effects of mercury methylation in wetland restoration projects using dredge material, and to continue preparation of the Regional DMMP/EIS. Lack of funds will result in a delay in addressing the methylmercury issue, which could impact the implementation of LTMS by limiting beneficial reuse sites for Federal dredging projects, resulting in disposal options that have no environmental benefit and potentially higher costs.

<u>CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST</u>: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 3rd, Rep. Dan Lungren; 6th, Rep. Lynn Woolsey; 7th, Rep. George Miller; 8th, Rep. Nancy Pelosi; 9th, Rep. Barbara Lee; 10th, Rep. Ellen Tauscher; 11th, Rep. Jerry McNerney; 12th, Rep. Tom Lantos; 13th, Rep. Pete Stark; 14th, Rep. Anna Eshoo; 15th, Rep. Mike Honda; 16th, Rep. Zoe Lofgren

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